

Unit 3: Z-chapter 6

Examine the impact of Christianity on the development of the nursing profession. Christianity was where nursing began. The bishops opened their homes to the people as a hospital and the Deaconesses were traveling nurses. Monks and nuns also cared for people (although religion was more on their mind than the medical problems. Either way all of these people attempted to help people by taking them in and caring for them. Churches sponsored orders for caring for the sick.

Distinguish societal changes that influenced the nursing profession from its inception. Deaconesses were widows and single women of higher standing. When religious orders stopped caring for the people in hospital, staffing was decreased and a new group of people stepped up to help. These people were “former” gamblers, thieves, and prostitutes; they were trying to avoid jail time. Over time nurses were involved in military and then students for free labor or an apprenticeship. Now there are many opportunities from a diploma program to a doctoral program and everything in between.

Justify the impact that Florence Nightingale had on nursing education and the nursing profession. Florence, she made an effort to actually care for the sick and wounded of the war. She rounded on the soldiers including at night, established nursing school, “set the standard” on hygiene and helped with handwashing and other sanitary practices. She helped decrease the death rate of these people because of this and has influenced future generations

Parallel the advancement of women with the progress of the nursing profession. Nurses back in the day were suborning and meant to obey the doctors, now they are becoming great influencers. They are now providers, teachers, researchers and still bedside in so many ways.

Examine the influence of the military on the development of the nursing profession. The military has influenced the nursing profession not just in the history like when Florence came to the soldiers holding the light, but in the way things work. Trauma, transportation, emergency and ICU protocols and procedures are influenced by actual field trials and conditions and brought to the civilian world for use. Much of the way civilian world handles situations has in some way became to be because it's been done in a war situation. Blood replacement, shock, resuscitation and medications have also evolved in this profession because of the military.

Compare the various types of nursing education programs There are diploma programs. Diploma programs are skill focused and are the smallest group of programs in the US. These are usually part of a hospital and usually do not provide college credit. It is focused on service not education. An associate degree is the largest group and is designed as a larger scope of practice than an LPN but smaller than a professional degree. This type of program is a balance between general education and nursing. It is usually a technical college and is a program of 2-3 years total. A baccalaureate degree in nursing is 3-5 years of study and is usually offered at a university. A graduate degree is a masters or doctoral degree that is a higher level of education for teaching/education, research, administration/supervision, and practitioners.